REMARKS

Drawing figures 1 and 2 were objected to because they should have the legend "Prior Art". A corrected replacement sheet 1/4 is enclosed.

Claims 4 - 8 are pending in this application. Claims 6 and 7 are objected to regarding the term "the differential transmission principle". Claims 6 and 7 have been cancelled, and this terminology is not used in the remaining claims. Claim 8 is objected to for lacking a transitional phrase, such as "comprising". Claim 8 is cancelled, and the remaining claims use the transitional term "comprising". Claim 8 is also objected to for being essentially a duplicate of claim 4. Claim 8 is cancelled. Claim 4-8 are rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Becker. Claim 4 is amended herein and new claims are presented. Claims 4 and 9 - 12 are presented for examination.

Independent claim 4 has been amended herein to overcome the rejection under 35 USC 102. Becker does not disclose the claimed presence detection circuit or a controller connected to the field bus and connected to the presence detection circuit for receiving a presence signal responsive to the coupling of the mobile data unit to the system. These elements are disclosed in FIG 6 and paragraph 0016 of the application. Regarding claim 9, Becker does not disclose a presence detection circuit comprising an additional signal line, and a controller on a field bus that can transmit a selection of views to a mobile data unit via the additional signal line. These elements are disclosed in FIG 6 and paragraph 0016 of the application.

Regarding claim 10, Becker does not disclose first, second, and third level converters connected to the line driver for data communication therewith, the first and second converters providing data communication between the mobile data unit and field bus, and the third converter providing control communication between the mobile data unit and the line driver. These elements are disclosed in FIG 3 and paragraphs 0010 and 0011 of the application.

Regarding claim 11, Becker does not disclose a shorter jumper for closing a presence detection circuit when a connecting cable is connected to the line signal level converter; and a controller connected to a field data bus and connected to the presence detection circuit via a digital signal line, and the controller adapted to transmit a signal to the mobile data unit via

the digital signal line. These elements are disclosed in FIG 6 and paragraph 0016 of the application.

Regarding claim 12, Becker does not disclose first, second, and third level converters connected to a line driver for data communication therewith, the first and second converters providing data communication between a mobile data unit and a field bus, and the third converter providing control communication between the mobile data unit and the line driver; the respective data communication links comprising a connecting cable for selectively connecting the mobile data unit to the field data bus; a presence detection circuit providing a presence signal responsive to connection of the mobile data unit to the field data bus via the connecting cable; and a controller connected to the field data bus and receiving the presence signal; wherein the presence detection circuit comprises a digital signal line, and the controller can transmit a selection of views to the mobile data unit via the digital signal line. These elements are disclosed in FIG 3 and paragraphs 0010 and 0011 of the application and in FIG 6 and paragraph 0016 of the application.

Applicant respectfully requests allowance of the present application, including claims 4 and 9-12, in view of the foregoing amendments and arguments.

Conclusion

The commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees due in connection with this paper, including the fees specified in 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 (c), 1.17(a)(1) and 1.20(d), or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 19-2179.

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